GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2540
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AYURVEDIC MEDICINES FOR DISEASES
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that diseases like arthritis, slip disc, spondylitis, asthma, sinusitis and migrane can be cured with Ayurvedic medicines;

(b) whether the success rate of curing these diseases is between 70 and 80 per cent according to the surveys conducted by experts;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government are contemplating to increase the number of hospitals and dispensaries in the country to cure the above diseases;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government propose to open Research and Development Centres also for procuring and testing of herbs; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a): Medicines are available in Ayurvedic System for the treatment and management of these indications.

(b): No survey has been commissioned for determining the success rate of these medicines.

(c): Does not arise.

(d)&(e): Health is a State subject and opening of new hospitals and dispensaries falls under the purview of the concerned State Government. However, government is encouraging the States to increase availability of ISM drugs in the State run hospitals and dispensaries.

(f)&(g): The Government is providing financial assistance for upgradation of the State Drug Testing Laboratories and Pharmacies to enforce quality control of ISM & H drugs and augment production of standard drugs.